

1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Rod Blackburn welcomed attendees, asked for self introductions, and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Presentation: Business and Education Alliance

Suzie Ahlstrand of the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce presented on the Business and Education Alliance (BEA). The BEA was formed as a result of the Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition (GWEDC) Leadership Council strategic planning process. The mission of the BEA is to align education and business communities to ensure a productive workforce needed for sustained economic growth.

Keith Lawing sits on the Council and the BEA as the representative of the Workforce Board.

4. Presentation: South Central Kansas Prosperity Plan

Paula Downs, Director of the South Central Kansas Prosperity Planning initiative, presented on the background and the progress of the plan, a regional initiative developing priorities for long term economic growth in south central Kansas. A draft of the final plan will be available for public comment and review in the summer, and the final plan will be available sometime in the late fall. The initiative has developed a tool box of resources that any community can use, at a scalable level, and quite a bit of data was gathered during the process that is available for communities to reference.

5. Wichita Workforce Center Update

Finnish construction is underway at the new Wichita Workforce Center location at 21st and Amidon, New Leaf Plaza. Construction should be complete in early May, and WA anticipates moving into the facility shortly after that date. A tentative grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony have been scheduled for Friday June 6, 2014, in the early afternoon. Details and formal invitation shall be sent out in the next few weeks.

The report was received and filed.

6. Consent Agenda and Committee Reports

- a. Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2014: No changes or additions were requested.
- b. Extensions of the WIA Youth Service Provider Contracts: No changes or additions were requested.
- c. Approval of Lease Extensions:
 - i. 1220 E. First Street (Temporary Wichita Workforce Center Location)
 - ii. Butler Workforce Center (El Dorado)
 - iii. Cowley Workforce Center (Winfield)

Staff noted that the building that houses the Butler Workforce Center has been listed for sale, and the landlord has asked WA to vacate the building by September 1, 2014. Staff will release an RFP to solicit a new location for the Butler Workforce Center.



- d. Approval of contract Extension with Allen Gibbs and Houlik L.C.: No changes or additions were requested.
- e. Approval of On-the-Job (OJT) Training Contracts:
 - i. Engineered Machine Tool Co, Inc.
 - ii. Tramco
 - iii. Weckworth Manufacturing, Inc.No changes or additions were requested.

Kathy Jewett (Jeff Longwell) moved to approve items 6.A through 6.E of the consent agenda. Motion adopted.

Staff briefed the LWIB on the creation of the Jack Jonas memorial scholarship, the financial report, the 2014 Youth Employment initiative, the upcoming golf tournament at Auburn Hills on April 25th, an operations update, including statistics on social media and outreach through virtual One Stop services, an update on Business Services, and WIA/WP performance.

Items 6.G-6.J were received and filed.

7. Adjourn

Blackburn adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present LWIB Members

Rod Blackburn, Chair
Suzie Ahlstrand
Mike Beene
Mark Conway
Kerri Falletti
Brett Flashbarth
Robyn Heinz
Jennifer Hughes
Kathy Jewett
Jeff Longwell

Richard Lopez
Jeff McCausland
Paul Meals
Brad Mears
Steve Porter
Catrina Red Willow
Mary Kay Vaughn
John Weber
Debora Weve

Absent LWIB Members

Dave Alfaro
Lisa Barnes
Tim Chase
Linda Coleman
Karla Fisher
Nikki Freeman
Bob Giesen
Pat Hanrahan
Phillip Hayes
Alicia Holloway
Arthur Hoopes

Pat Jonas
Tony Kinkel
Ben Mabry
Mike Magennis
Tony Naylor
Ron Ratzlaff
Sangita Richardson
Gabe Schlickau
Kriste Weber



Guests

Paula Downs, South Central Kansas
Prosperity Plan
Justin Powell, KS Department of
Commerce

Staff

Keith Lawing
Kelly Bergeron
Lori Byers
Amanda Duncan
Katie Givens
Mandi McClure
Chad Pettera
Lisa Tucker
Cari Weber

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